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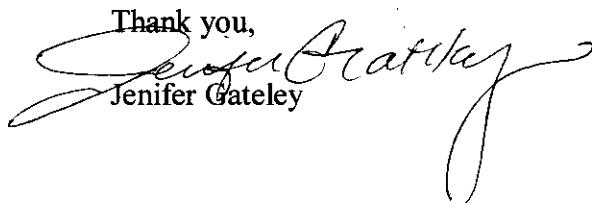
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- 1 [I am writing to you in opposition of the Yucca Mountain project] I am currently a student attending Washington State University in Pullman. Recently our Environmental Science class held a discussion about Yucca Mountain and I was very appalled. I have heard nothing of this project before this in the news or in the papers.

- 2... The massive amount of government spending on this project is enormous, for the many problems already foreseen in this site. First, [the thirty earthquake faultlines that run under this mountain are active. If the waste spills into these faultlines it could get into the ground water harming not only the human population but animals as well.] Second, [once this mountain is opened it will be filled and closed and then where is the waste going to go. This mountain is a short-term solution and in my eyes, not a very good one.] Seventy-one percent of Nevada's population opposes this project but you are still going through with it. [The waste being shipped across the states is one of the largest hazards I can think of, you are willing to ship and send waste on railways when you know that there will be approximately 50-260 accidents occurring] Also, [this project that has already eaten up a large amount of government spending foresees clean up costs to be above 9.5 billion dollars.] Finally, [a large portion of this waste that is planned to be stored in this mountain is not even from Nevada. Do you really think it is fair to put these people at known risk when the waste being stored is not even theirs?] I know that no one ever said life was fair but who are you people to judge the impact on their lives.
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I am not an Environmental Science Major so I do not have any other answers or better ideas for you. However I am sure with the amount of money spent on this project you could have paid someone to spend their entire life researching better alternatives. Yucca Mountain is not an option nor is it an answer to solve our waste problems. I would like to see you come up with some very good alternatives to this project and think about acting on them. Please contact me with any new information you have on this project.

Thank you,


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